

"The Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund"

A Personal Appeal

"When all the laws are written
That the hand of men can pen,
There will still be need for kindness
And for brave and helpful men."

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Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

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Grand Lodge of Manitoba

A.F. & A.M.

To the Members of All Constituent Lodges,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The memory of the disastrous flood of 1950 is still vivid and very real to thousands of our citizens. It will be recalled that when the calamity became known to our brethren throughout North America and elsewhere, they rallied to our aid, not with pious sympathy but with funds with which we could restore and rehabilitate our homes and lodge premises.

If evidence of the reality of Brotherly Love was ever needed then, it was demonstrated in abundant proportions three years ago. The outstanding feature of this assistance was its promptness in reaching the stricken area.

Our experience of 1950 brought into focus a situation which, while well-known to your Grand Lodge Officers, nevertheless, had remained in abeyance because of other pressing demands. The alarming fact was that when your Grand Lodge is confronted with an appeal for aid in some sudden disaster there is no source from which a grant can be made on short notice. In the meantime, the needy must wait until we can arrive at a decision and formulate a plan of action.

Reflecting upon this unsatisfactory state of affairs, your Grand Master, with the approval of the Board of General Purposes, has opened a Campaign for the creation of THE MASONIC BROTHERHOOD DISASTER FUND. An objective of \$25,000.00 has been set and it is hoped this goal can be reached by the end of April 1954.

Now as to the purpose of this Special Fund. In the past, we have received appeals from other Jurisdictions when some disaster occurred. In such cases our only source of aid, if we desired to make a contribution, was either to borrow the required amount, or make a hurried call to a limited number of brethren.

This condition of affairs can be remedied by a whole-hearted appeal. Then, having the funds in hand for such an eventuality, any unexpected and sudden contingency can be met without delay. Here, we of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba have an opportunity to return thanks in a practical manner for similar gifts that have come to us and our fellow-members in the past.

We therefore appeal to every Lodge member in the Jurisdiction to accept with sincere determination the responsibility to assume his full share of the objective. Only the individual is qualified to decide what his contribution will be.

The work of the campaign will be organized in your home Lodge and you are asked to make contribution through your Lodge. This personal call goes to every brother on the roster of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and it would be a crowning achievement if we could report at the next Annual Communication, that we had met the challenge in full.

We commend to the entire membership, this modest appeal for a worthy and very necessary purpose. Your Officers do not set any amount for the individual brother—that is left to himself. We know our appeal will find a generous and ready response.

May we contemplate and take to heart the words of a prayer offered by a Past Grand Chaplain:

“From infirmity of purpose, from want of care and interest, from the sluggishness of indolence, and the slackness of indifference, and from all deadness of heart, save us and keep us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.”

HARRY H. GRAY,
Grand Master

ROBERT E. EMMETT,
General Chairman

Winnipeg, Manitoba
January, 1954

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Received Payment of Dollars...../100 \$.....

contribution to the MASONIC BROTHERHOOD DISASTER FUND.

Lodge.....No..... Name.....

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Secretary

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

A.F. & A.M.

I enclose herewith remittance for \$..... Dollars...../100

being my contribution to the MASONIC BROTHERHOOD DISASTER FUND.

Lodge.....No..... Name.....

*An Opportunity and Challenge
for Masonic Service*

